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FEBRUARY 4 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fox-Wisconsin River
3 National Heritage Corridor Study Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Fox-Wisconsin waterway is famous as
7 the discovery route of Marquette and Joliet;

8 (2) as the connecting route between the Great
9 Lakes and the Mississippi River, the waterway was
10 critical to the opening of the Northwest Territory,
11 and served as a major artery in bringing commerce
12 to the interior of the United States and providing a
13 vital communication link for early explorers, mission-
14 aries, and fur traders;

15 (3) within the Fox and Lower Wisconsin River
16 corridors are an abundance of historic and archae-
17 ological sites and structures representing early Na-
18 tive Americans, European exploration, and 19th-cen-
19 tury transportation and settlement; and

20 (4) the unique aspects of the waterway, from
21 the heavily developed portions of the Fox River to
22 the pristine expanses of the Lower Wisconsin River,
23 should be studied to determine the waterway’s suit-
24 ability and feasibility for designation as a National
25 Heritage Corridor.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF FOX-WISCONSIN RIVER CORRIDORS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
3 date funds are made available to carry out this Act, the
4 Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the
5 “Secretary”) shall prepare a study on the suitability and
6 feasibility of designating the Fox and Lower Wisconsin
7 River corridors in the State of Wisconsin as a National
8 Heritage Corridor.

9 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the
10 study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
11 submit a report describing the results of the study to the
12 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
13 ate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
14 of Representatives.

15 **SEC. 4. FOX-WISCONSIN RIVER STUDY ADVISORY COMMIS-**
16 **SION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Fox-Wis-
18 consin River Study Advisory Commission (referred to in
19 this Act as the “Commission”) to advise the Secretary
20 with respect to the preparation of the study required
21 under section 3(a).

22 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of
23 16 members, appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

24 (1) 4 members shall be made from rec-
25 ommendations submitted by the Governor of the

1 State of Wisconsin, to represent affected State agen-
2 cies;

3 (2) 4 members shall represent local govern-
4 ments from affected communities along the Fox and
5 Lower Wisconsin River corridors; and

6 (3) 8 members shall be made from the general
7 public, who shall have knowledge and experience in
8 appropriate fields of interest relating to the preser-
9 vation, use, and interpretation of the Fox and Lower
10 Wisconsin River corridors, of whom—

11 (A) 4 members shall be residents of the
12 Fox River region; and

13 (B) 4 members shall be residents of the
14 Lower Wisconsin River region.

15 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the Commission
16 shall elect a Chairperson from among the members of the
17 Commission.

18 (d) VACANCIES.—Vacancies on the Commission shall
19 be filled in the same manner in which the original appoint-
20 ment was made.

21 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
22 call of the Chairperson.

23 (f) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission
24 shall receive no compensation as a result of their service
25 on the Commission. While away from their homes or regu-

1 lar places of business in the performance of services for
2 the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses,
3 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same man-
4 ner as persons employed intermittently in the Government
5 service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title
6 5, United States Code.

7 (g) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section
8 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
9 App. 2) shall not apply to the Commission.

10 (h) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall pub-
11 lish and submit to the Secretary and the Governor of the
12 State of Wisconsin an annual report concerning the activi-
13 ties of the Commission.

14 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
15 on the completion of the study required under section 3(a).

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

17 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
18 as are necessary to carry out this Act.